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Honoring our warriors



As part of our district-wide celebration of Veterans Day, Linden High School gathered staff members who served in the military. From left are Vice Principal Kevin Thurston, Army; Naval Science instructor Senior Chief Michael DeJean, Navy; Senior Naval Science instructor Commander Boyd Decker, Navy; Naval Science instructor Chief Petty Officer Mark Velez, Navy; Tiger Stadium groundskeeper and custodian Robert Kratzer, Marines; social studies teacher Derrick Potts, Army; social studies teacher Gary Mazurek, Army; and Head of Security Bernard Tracy, Army. (Not pictured is Naval Science instructor Master Sgt. Nicholas Gombocz, Marines.)

Linden High School students got uniquely personalized lessons for Veterans Day when two of their teachers held sessions throughout the day talking to students about their time in the military. Social studies teachers Derrick Potts and Gary Mazurek talked to their classes in person while other social studies classes logged in to watch, listen and ask questions through Webex. [Click here to read more.](#)



LHS NJROTC marched in the NYC parade. [Click for more photos.](#)

School No. 10 created a beautiful virtual ceremony for residents at Atria Senior Living in Cranford to view. [Click to see video.](#)

On Sunday, Nov. 7, Linden High School hosted the City of Linden's annual Hometown Heroes ceremony, which honored those from Linden who have served in the military. The LHS Navy Junior ROTC was there to serve and support the city's program, handing out plaques to the honorees and their families. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



New national honor for School No. 5

School No. 5 has been selected as a National ESEA Distinguished School in recognition of the success of its education programs and progress of its students. The National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program is a project of the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators that publicly recognizes schools that receive federal funding for their positive educational advances and exceptional student achievement. School No. 5, one of two schools chosen in New Jersey and 100 nationwide, was selected in a category that recognizes "exceptional student performance and academic growth for two consecutive years." [Click here to read more.](#)

3 LHS students awarded scholarship to study Chinese

Three Linden High School freshmen have been awarded a scholarship to receive additional teaching in Mandarin Chinese throughout this school year. Abigail Armstead, Ashley Agbottah Grubbs, and Trinity Ellis will take part in virtual classes through the Huaxia Chinese School in Edison each Sunday, in which they will be learning about the Chinese language and culture. [Click here to read more.](#)

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Soehl teacher honored for selflessness and bravery



Soehl Middle School health and physical education teacher Valerie Tauriello was honored recently by our Board of Education for her bravery and selflessness in September, when she jumped into and stopped a moving vehicle that was heading toward a group of students. From left are Board President Carlos Rivas, Vice President Samuel De La Cruz Jr., board members Jennifer Flemming and Malaysia Thomas, Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton, Ms. Tauriello, board member Dr. Marlene Berghammer, Soehl Principal Gwendolyn Long, and board members Gregory R. Martucci and Sheenaider Guillaume. [Click to read more.](#)

A scary good time



Students and staff had a blast dressing up and marching up Wood Avenue in the the return of the Linden Halloween Parade on Oct. 24. [Click here to see more photos.](#)

Key dates to remember

Nov. 24-26
Thanksgiving Recess

Dec. 23-31
Winter Recess

Jan. 17
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day – Schools Closed

Dec. 10
First Trimester ends for elementary schools.

There is no Board of Education meeting scheduled for December.



Tigers Turn Pink to battle breast cancer

Our schools celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Wednesday, Oct. 20, with Tigers Turn Pink Day. Students and staff from around the district wore pink in honor of those who have fought or are fighting breast cancer. The day was capped off by a gathering of survivors from around the district for a photo on the steps of School No. 8. The effort raised \$500 for the Susan G. Komen Organization. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



It takes teamwork to win the fight



LHS volleyball hosts Pink Out

The Linden High School girls volleyball team hosted a special night on Tuesday, Oct. 26, with its annual Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The team honored survivors from around the district in a pre-game ceremony, then went on to a thrilling two-set win over Elizabeth before a packed house. [Click for more photos.](#)

School No. 1 takes a (lemonade) stand against childhood cancer

School No. 1 hosted a lemonade stand on Nov. 10 and 11 that raised over \$800 to help fight childhood cancer. The school's second-graders were inspired by Alexandra "Alex" Scott, who created a lemonade stand to raise money for the fight. All of the money raised by School No. 1 will go to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



School 9 gives a tasty thank you



Students and staff at School No. 9 presented goodie baskets to members of the Linden Police Department and Linden Fire Department to say thank you for all they do for Linden. The baskets included coffee, tea bags, playing cards, and assorted candies for the officers and firefighters to share. The project is part of the school's Patriot Day Year of Service Committee that completes monthly projects to recognize those who serve our community. [Click here for for more photos.](#)

Pajamas for kids in need

School No. 9 and School No. 10 are collecting pajamas for children in need through the Scholastic Reading Club's Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. To contribute, please drop off new sets of pajamas to School No. 10 by Nov. 29 or to School No. 9 by Dec. 9.



Special guests share stories with students at School No. 5

School No. 5 hosted guest readers on Tuesday, Nov. 16, in celebration of American Education Week. Among those who visited to read to students were Superintendent Dr. Marnie Hazelton, Assistant Superintendent Denise Cleary, Human Resources Manager Dr. Karen Baldwin, and Board of Education member Malaysia Thomas. [Click for more photos.](#)

School No. 4 hosts parents for a sweet morning



Nothing starts a day like a donut! That's why School No. 4 invited parents and guardians to accompany their children to school on Tuesday, Nov. 16, for "Donuts with Grownups." The event was sponsored by the Linden Police Department. School staff greeted families with goodies from Dunkin' Donuts. [Click here for more photos.](#)



LHS warms up the kitchen for an early Thanksgiving

The Linden High School modern foods classes celebrated Thanksgiving a week early on Thursday, Nov. 18. Students under the supervision of teacher Ilju Ausman prepared turkey, ham, and a wide array of side dishes and desserts, then served them up to fellow students and special guests to enjoy across the hall in the cafeteria. [Click to see more photos.](#)



No golden ticket required for LHS play



The Linden High School Drama Club put on a hilarious production of “Willa Wonkie and the College Tour” on Nov. 17 and 18. The parody of “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” marked students’ return to the LHS stage for the first time in almost two years. [Click here to see more photos.](#)



Tiger pride is burning bright

The bonfire is back! Linden High School students had a ball at the bonfire at Tiger Stadium at Cooper Field on Nov. 2. [Click to see more photos.](#)

Our expert in the field brings lessons into classroom

Head Athletic Trainer Roger Rotondi paid a visit to Kelly Gallegher's IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science classes at Linden High School on Tuesday, Oct. 19, to tell them a little bit about what he does each day to help keep our student-athletes healthy and safe. The classes, which are part of LHS' International Baccalaureate program, had just finished studying athletic training and were interested to hear more

about it from our resident expert. Many of the students in the class are interested in pursuing careers in athletic training, physical therapy, or other medical fields. Mr. Rotondi told them about his schooling and career, which included some time with the New York Giants, and demonstrated some of his taping and wrapping techniques on student volunteers. [Click here for more photos.](#)



Senior Tigers walk out in style



The Linden High School athletics teams honored their outgoing seniors for the fall season with Senior Nights, where they were celebrated by their coaches, teammates, and families. [Click captions to see more photos.](#)



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